

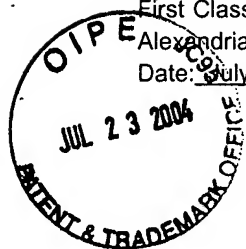
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BI, XIAOLI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/625,444

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FOR: **METHOD, CODE, AND SYSTEM FOR
ASSAYING JOINT DEFORMITY**

CONF. NO: 7956

Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

Applicants petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, extending the period for response to July 21, 2004.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR § 1.17(a) (2)): ☒ Small Entity: \$55.00
- ☒ A check including \$55.00 covering the above fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
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